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TITLE:	PRODUCTION LINE AND METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF CAST PARTS, FROM A METALLIC MELT, IN PARTICULAR A LIGHT MOLTEN METAL, WHICH TAKES PLACE IN A CONTINUOUS CYCLE		

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicant submits this paper in response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on December 29, 2008. Applicant believes no fees are due upon submission of this paper. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to maintain pendency of the present Application to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-3081.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment and Response, in which:

- **Remarks** begin on page 2.